

SENATE RESOLUTION 51

By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Family Life Center at LeMoyne-Owen College for sponsoring "Bridging the Village-Exploring Violence Prevention and Social Justice", a conference and community festival.

WHEREAS, the prevention of crime and violence is of great concern to the members of this General Assembly, as it is to all citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, because crime and violence are gradually destroying the very fabric of our society, the Family Life Center at LeMoyne-Owen College is hosting a conference and community festival to focus on the nature and causes of and alternatives to crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Family Life Center at LeMoyne-Owen College has once again demonstrated their accuracy as a social barometer by detecting the great apprehension and fear that the proliferation of crime and violence in our communities has engendered among concerned Tennesseans of all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Family Life Center and LeMoyne-Owen College have also distinguished themselves as praiseworthy public servants by means of their sponsorship of the school's first violence prevention conference and community festival; and

WHEREAS, this remarkably well conceived and planned conference will also explore various ways and means to promote and achieve social justice in our often fragmented society; and

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WHEREAS, the theme for this event is: "Bridging the Village-Exploring Violence Prevention and Social Justice"; and

WHEREAS, the conference and festival is a 1997 Memphis-in-May sanctioned event and is sponsored by an impressive group of religious and public service organizations and governmental entities, including the Memphis City Schools, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Housing Authority, Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, Free the Children, Inc., Memphis Youth Fair Chance, Inc., Memphis Park Commission and Community Outreach Partnership Center; and

WHEREAS, the conference will specially recognize several excellent individuals who have made significant contributions to violence prevention and to the promotion of social justice; and

WHEREAS, sessions will be conducted on a variety of topics relating to violence prevention, social justice and diversity, and organizations, groups, agencies and youth will exhibit information and materials relating to the reduction of crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, rather than curse the darkness and chaos that crime, violence and social injustice visit upon us, the Family Life Center of LeMoyne-Owen College has chosen the wiser option of lighting a candle of hope and communication to confront and combat these social ills that are plaguing our prosperous and peace-loving society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend the Family Life Center of LeMoyne-Owen College for sponsoring "Bridging the Village-Exploring Violence Prevention and Social Justice", their first violence prevention conference and community festival, and commend these meritorious public servants upon their diligent efforts in seeking common ground and productive dialogue as an important first step in solving the societal problems of crime, violence and social injustice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

